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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF US-CANADA
NONSCHEDULED AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT

REF: (A) OTTAWA 472; (B) OTTAWA 557

1. AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (ATC) ATTITUDE TOWARD US
ORIGINATING ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTER (ABC) QUESTION
DISCUSSED FURTHER BY TCO FEB. 28 WITH JOHN MARKO
(DIRECTOR, AIR SERVICES ANALYSIS BRANCH) WHO WAS SOMEWHAT
MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN QUIRT RE POSSIBLE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME
TO CONSULTATIONS (SEE REF B). MARKO SAID THERE ARE
DIFFERENCES OF VIEW IN THE ATC AND ITS STAFF AND HE WAS
SURPRISED BY THE COMMITTEE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE US
PROPOSAL EMBODIED IN THE EXTAFF LETTER OF FEB. 7. THAT
POSITION UNLESS OVERCOME MEANS, IN HIS VIEW, THAT THE
ABC CONCEPT--WHICH IS SO MUCH MORE FLEXIBLE THAN OTHER
CHARTER FORMS--MAY NOT BECOME A FACTOR IN THE TRANS-
BORDER MARKET. MARKO NOTED THAT THE US HAS TWO SETS OF
ABC RULES--VERY LIBERAL DOMESTIC ONES AND LESS LIBERAL
TRANS-ATLANTIC ONES. IN HIS VIEW, ATC WOULD NEVER
ACCEPT THE US DOMESTIC RULES AS THE BASIS OF TRANSBORDER
ABC OPERATIONS, BUT POSSIBLY COULD AGREE TO SOMETHING
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ALONG THE LINES OF THE US TRANS-ATLANTIC RULES. MARKO
THUS FELT THAT CONSULTATIONS MIGHT BE USEFUL AND, IN HIS
VIEW, THE CANADIAN GROUP SHOULD TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON
SINCE THE ATC HAD RAISED THE IDEA OF CONSULTATIONS.

2. COMMENT: MARKO AND QUIRT ARE OF EQUAL RANK IN THE
SENIOR STAFF OF THE ATC; THE FORMER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

RELATE TO ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AND THE LATTER'S TO
REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION. WE ARE NOT SURE HOW JUSTIFIED
MARKO'S GUARDED OPTIMISM MAY BE, BUT IF DEPARTMENT AND
CAB WISH TO MAKE A MORE DETERMINED EFFORT TO INCLUDE
US ORIGINATING ABC'S IN NONSCHEDULED SERVICES BILATERAL,
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CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE REQUESTED. HOWEVER, US DELEGATION
SHOULD BE PREPARED TO COME TO OTTAWA, IF NECESSARY.
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